

SCAAC Meeting Minutes

(School Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability Council)

November 15, 2011
State Board Room, 1st Floor
Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky

Committee Members:

Rob Akers	David Higgins	Pennye Rogers
Harrie Buecker	Patrice McCrary	Sandra Shepherd
Sara Call	Ben Oldham	Denise Whitaker
Jana Beth Francis	Polly Page	Carl Wicklund
Catherine Hacker	Edward Reeves	Lu Young, Chairperson
Larry Hicks		Phyllis Young

Call to Order	Lu Young
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The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairperson Lu Young. Members and guests were welcomed.

1. Roll Call	Joy Barr
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A quorum of members was reached.

Others in attendance:

Kentucky Department of Education: Commissioner Terry Holliday, Bill Buchanan, Robin Chandler, Johnny Collett, Ken Draut, Roger Ervin, Michael Flory, Cindy Greer, Debbie Hendricks, Karen Kidwell, Teresa King, Rae McEntyre, Kathy Moore, Jay Roberts, Rhonda Sims, Jennifer Stafford, Katie Williams and Joy Barr

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Others: Alissa Ayres, Boone County Schools; Mona Ball, Kentucky Education Association; Richard Innes, Bluegrass Institute for Public Policy Solutions; Faurest Coogle, Legislative Research Commission; Sandy Holtzapfel, Boone County Schools; Brenda McGowan, Kentucky Education Association; Robyn Oatley, Prichard Committee; and Keith White, Office of Education Accountability

2. Approval of September 20, 2011 Minutes

Lu Young

Ben Oldham moved to accept the minutes as presented. Rob Akers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. 704 KAR 5:070 Common Kindergarten Entry Assessment

**Bill Buchanan
Karen Kidwell**

The Kentucky Board of Education has proposed the implementation of a common kindergarten entry assessment as determined and funded by the Kentucky Department of Education. The Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education recommended that working in cooperation with the Early Childhood Advisory Council, KDE should identify and implement a kindergarten entry assessment that provides information regarding each student's readiness for learning and success in a kindergarten setting. The data from this kindergarten entry assessment will be collected in the student information system to provide a specific set of information to inform continuous improvement of all students from the time they enter school. This data will inform a core set of policy questions that will guide future policy decisions related to early childhood education.

The regulation is proposed for beginning in the 2012-13 academic year and that school districts will administer the kindergarten entry assessment to each student in the school district during the first 30 instructional days of each school year.

Jana Bath Francis asked about the responsibilities for administration of the actual entry assessment. Other questions asked included: How will this be communicated to schools and the public? What is the timeline? How will the results be collected and where? Who will monitor from KDE? Will this be included in CIITS?

4. 703 KAR 5:070 Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs

**Johnny Collett
Rhonda Sims**

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Johnny Collett and Rhonda Sims updated the council members on the approval process of the Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs (703 KAR 5:070). The revised regulation will be presented at the December Kentucky Board of Education meeting. If approved, the regulation will follow with a public review process in January. It is anticipated that the regulation will be implemented in time for the spring 2012 state-required assessments.

Pennye Rogers moved that SCAAC support the proposed recommendations in moving forward the Inclusion of Special Populations in the State-Required Assessment and Accountability Programs (703 KAR 5:070) regulation. Jana Beth Francis seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Break at 10:40 a.m.; resume at 10:50 a.m.

Rae McEntyre provided an update to Program Reviews. Schools are beginning to enter program review efforts through the electronic process Assist. Jana Beth Francis asked if there was a timeline for the scores to be submitted electronically. Rae McEntyre announced that schools completing program reviews would submit their results to the districts no later than May 4. No timeline has been set for districts to submit their results to KDE.

Jana Beth Francis asked about the role of the District Assessment Coordinator with Program Reviews and suggested that direction needs to be offered. And what is the timeline for the addition of World Languages and the Primary Program Reviews?

5.	703 KAR 5:240 Next-Generation Learners Procedures	Rhonda Sims
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Rhonda Sims updated the council members on the progress of the new administrative regulation Next-Generation Learners Procedures (703 KAR 5:240). The proposed regulation will be reviewed at the Kentucky Board of Education's December meeting.

Jana Beth Francis moved that SCAAC support the proposed recommendations in moving forward the Next-Generation Learners Procedures (703 KAR 5:240) regulation. Harrie Buecker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6.	703 KAR 5:140 School and District Report Card	Jay Roberts Rhonda Sims
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A small wording change was made to the School and District Report Card (703 KAR 5:140) proposed regulation to reflect the addition of the words “tests and” to Section 3. The proposed regulation will be brought to the Kentucky Board of Education’s December meeting.

Larry Hicks moved that SCAAC support the proposed recommendations in moving forward the School and District Report Card (703 KAR 5:140) regulation. Denise Whitaker seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The group broke for lunch at 11:55 a.m. and resumed at 12:30 p.m.

7.	ACT, INC. Linking EOC Student Scores to Letter Grades QualityCore® Next Courses	Ken Draut Jennifer Stafford
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Jennifer Stafford reported that the Kentucky Board of Education has requested, if budgets permit, four additional end-of-course assessments be proposed for 2012-13. Much discussion ensued over the advantages/disadvantages of particular courses.

Jana Beth Francis moved that SCAAC recommend the addition of two end-of-course assessments for the 2012-13 school year: English III and Geometry. Ben Oldham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jennifer Stafford shared the End-of-Course grading scale that was created using a statistical link between EOC scale scores and the ACT college readiness benchmarks adopted by Kentucky’s Council on Postsecondary Education. The scale score is used to determine the grade from the multiple choice sections of the EOC. The EOC test results may be used as 20% of a student’s final grade in the course, as determined by local policy.

8.	Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) Flexibility Waiver Simulation Data	Ken Draut
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Ken Draut updated the council members on the status of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) flexibility waiver. Twelve states applied for the waiver.

The link to the Kentucky ESEA Flexibility Request was provided for members to review: <http://www.education.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/E5A11449-D23E-4B9C-93E8-CA94277B17D2/0/ESEAflexibilityrequestFINAL.pdf>

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9. Adjourn	Lu Young
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Rob Akers moved that the meeting adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Patrice McCrary seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The next scheduled SCAAC meeting is set for March 20, 2012.